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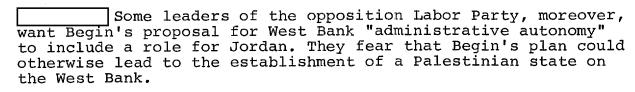
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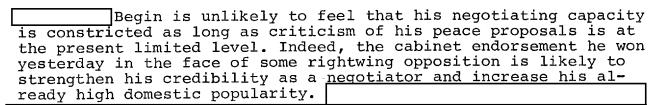
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ISRAEL: Peace Proposals Endorsed

5X1	The Israeli cabinet's unanimous approval yesterday of
	the peace plan that Prime Minister Begin intends to present to
	Egyptian President Sadat on Sunday indicates that Begin remains
	clearly in control of his Likud Party and enjoys strong support
	from other members of his coalition on key negotiation issues.

The seven-hour cabinet deliberation, reportedly the
longest of Begin's tenure, indicates that some conservative min-
isters may have asked searching questions. Although he apparently
satisfied their queries, Begin is likely to continue to encounter
criticism from some hard-liners who believe that he is abandoning
cherished rightwing positions, such as annexation of the West
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ETHIOPIA: Sources of Support

25X1 Support for Ethiopia may well be on the agendas during the current visits of Soviet First Deputy Minister of Defense Ogarkov to Libya and Algeria and First Deputy Minister of Defense Sokolov to Angola.

Both trips involve normal exchange visits but, given the rapid development of events in the Horn of Africa and the fact that both trips are being made at the same time, Ogarkov and Sokolov probably have the added task of discussing ways to help Ethiopia. Ogarkov was scheduled to visit North Africa in

August, but postponed the trip because of ill health. Sokolov said on his arrival in Luanda that his visit was aimed at improving relations between the Soviet and Angolan armed forces. The Ethiopians may have requested increased aid from Libya several days ago when a high-level Ethiopian delegation visited Tripoli. The Soviets would undoubtedly approve and probably encourage such support and would probably agree to replace eventually any Libyan stocks of Soviet equipment transferred to Ethiopia. The Soviets might discuss a similar procedure with the Algerians. This approach would permit more rapid resupply of equipment to Ethiopia and get around the growing problems the Soviets are facing in securing overflight rights for direct de-liveries. Making the arming of Ethiopia less direct would also help forestall criticism of the Soviets' involvement in the Horn. Ogarkov and Sokolov may discuss an alternate air supply route to Ethiopia. The Soviets' current routes, via Aden, have drawn considerable criticism, and the Turks and Pakistanis have questioned the Soviets' apparently unauthorized flights over several Middle East countries. The Soviet officials may want to line up support for a route in which Soviet planes would travel via Algeria and Angola and overfly Zambia, Tanzania, and Kenya. DIA Dissent The Defense Intelligence Agency believes that it is too early to speculate about Soviet use of Libya and Algeria as arms supply proxies or as a source of other means of support for Ethiopia. While one can construe the visits of Ogarkov and of Sokolov as suggestive, it should be noted that Ogarkov is now making a visit which was originally scheduled for August and then canceled due to Ogarkov's health. Sokolov's visit to Angola is part of routine exchange with the Angolans. If the Soviets were looking for proxies to support Ethiopia, Libya and Algeria appear to be unlikely candidates at this time. Libyan support for Ethiopia has been more related to

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Tripoli's problems with the Sudan rather than support for the Addis Ababa government. Algeria has normally had little interest in developments in the Horn.

While it is possible that the Soviets are trying to arrange Libyan and Algerian support for Ethiopia, DIA believes that the two Arab nations would not be so inclined. Furthermore, specific reporting is necessary before such speculation would be useful.

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EAST-WEST GERMANY: Volkswagens

Recent announcements in West German media that the Volkswagen company will deliver 10,000 automobiles to East Germany in exchange for "goods of like value" have provoked a number of adverse responses in East Germany. The chief complaint is that the regime is creating a situation in which needed hard currency will be spent to provide a luxury only few can afford. Beyond its economic impact, the deal will be a highly visible sign of the inroads of West German technology and consumerism.

Industrial workers and farmers in East Germany expect the price of the cars will be far more than they can afford. The West German press has speculated that they will cost 30,000 East German marks--nearly three times the average annual income of workers. East German rumors place the price between 17,000 and 37,000 marks.

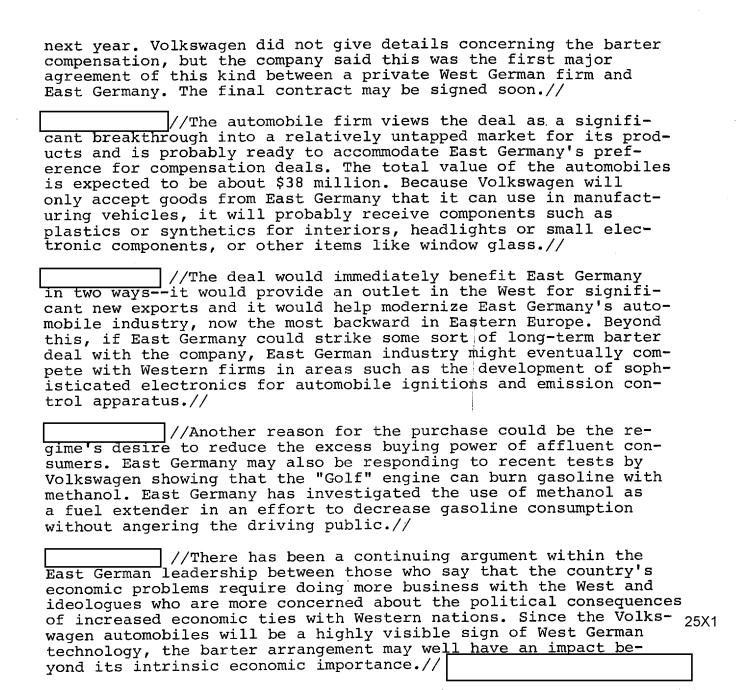
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//Volkswagen announced the transaction earlier this month; it stated simply that it would deliver 10,000 "Golf" passenger cars--sold in the US as the "Rabbit"--to East Germany

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Western appeals on behalf of jailed Soviet dissident Anatoliy Shcharanskiy. A member of the group monitoring Soviet compliance with the Helsinki accord, Shcharanskiy was arrested last March and could be charged with treason. TASS repeated allegations it had made in June that Shcharanskiy had passed state secrets to Western intelligence agencies. Last week Soviet authorities extended by six months the detention and investigation of Shcharanskiy. The TASS commentary appears to be the first in an expected Soviet propaganda campaign to "correct" the view in the West that the Soviets may have bowed to Western pressure by extending the investigation of Shcharanskiy.

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Poland

The Polish Government has increased its efforts to disrupt dissident activities, which had been largely unhindered throughout the fall. The governments relatively mild actions

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	suggest that the authorities do not want to allow dissident activities to go completely unchecked but also are not prepared for a real crackdown.	
25X1	In separate events, police recently seized at least four clandestine duplicating machines, one from a dissident who was carrying a portable model on a Warsaw street. The machines were used to publish underground magazines, which now may number as many as 12. The police also confiscated large numbers of these journals. Individuals caught with the duplicating machines were detained but quickly released.	
25X1	In other incidents, 13 dissidents in five major cities were temporarily held after they distributed a petition endorsing President Carter's stance on human rights. Police also quietly dispersed a crowd of 500 that had gathered in Gdansk	
:	for a memorial wreath-laying ceremony in honor of those who died during food riots in December 1970.] 25X1
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25X1	The upsurge of Jewish emigration from the USSR	
20/(1	that has taken place during 1977 continues. The Dutch Embassy	
!	in Moscow, which handles Israeli interests there, issued 966 entry visas during the first half of December and predicts that	
	by the end of the month more than 2,000 will issued, the most in a one-month period in more than three years. As of mid-Decem-	
	ber, the total for 1977 numbers 16,248, about a 20-percent in- crease over last year's total.	25X1
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